

REMARKS

Claims 10 and 13-17 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been amended. Claims 1-9, 11, 12 and 18-25 remain in this application. No new matter is being added. Support for the amendment to the claims can be found in the specification and drawings. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Specification

The title has been amended herein as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, objection to the title is now believed overcome.

Appropriate correction has been made to the specification in paragraphs [0002], [0003], [0012], [0013], and [0036] as noted herein above. Accordingly, objection to the specification is now believed overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

Allowance of claims 1-7 and 18-25 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 10-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant notes the allowability of claims 10-12 with appreciation.

In lieu of rewriting claim 10 in independent form, applicant has amended claim 8 to include the limitations of claim 10. Claim 10 is now canceled. Accordingly, claim 8 is in prima facie condition for allowance. In addition, claims 11 and 12, which depend from claim 8, are also in prima facie condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Xiang et al., U.S. Patent 6,524,929. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the reasons stated herein below.

By this amendment, claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 10. In particular, claim 8 has been amended to include "forming a second insulating layer on the semiconductor layer having a thickness that is not greater than about 100 Angstroms."

Accordingly, claim 8 is now believed in prima facie condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is clear from all of the foregoing that claim 8 is in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 9 and 11-12 depend from and further limit independent claim 8 and therefore are allowable as well. It is noted that claim 9 had been previously withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species; however, claim 9 is hereby re-joined. Lastly, claims 1-7 and 18-25 are presently allowed.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The matters identified in the Office Action of June 27, 2005 are now believed resolved. Accordingly, the application is believed to be in proper condition for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

If Applicant has overlooked any additional fees, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit or debit Deposit Account 503079, Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.

An early formal notice of allowance of claims 1-9, 11-12 and 18-25 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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